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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION

1. THE THREE MAJOR ARABIC DAILIES FRONTPAGE STORIES ON THE
VANCE-SADAT PRESS CONFERENCE HELD TUESDAY EVENING, WITH AL-AHRAM
AND AL-AKHBAR PROVIDING THE FULL TEXT OF THE CONFERENCE.
THE PRESS CONFERENCE WAS BROADCAST LIVE, WITH ARABIC TRANSLATION,
ON EGYPTIAN RADIO AND TV, AND REBROADCAST LATER IN THE EVENING.

2. AL-AHRAM REPORTS AMERICAN OFFICIAL SOURCES AS SAYING THAT
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VANCE PRESENTED TWO SETS OF PROPOSALS: THE ISRAELI AND AMERICAN
SUGGESTIONS. THE LATTER IS REPORTED AS INCLUDING ISRAELI WITHDRAWALL
TO LINES TO BE AGREED UPON LATER, PALESTINIAN PARTICIPATION AT
GENEVA BASED ON ITS RECOGNITION OF ISRAEL, AND IMMEDIATE ESTABLISH-
MENT OF NOVRMAL RELATIONS BETWEEN ISRAEL AND THE ARABS, INCLUDING
DIPLOMATIC AND TRADE RELATIONS. THE ARTICLE CONTINUES THAT
EGYPT REJECTED THE AMERICAN PROPOSALS AND SUBMITTED COUNTER-

PROPOSALS, INCLUDING COMPLETE WITHDRAWAL FROM OCCUPIED TERRITORIES, TOTAL PALESTINIAN REPRESENTATION AT GENEVA, END OF HOSTILITIES FOLLOWED BY IMPLEMENTATION OF NORMAL RELATIONS IN STAGES, AND BUFFER ZONES ON BOTH SIDES OF THE FRONTIER AND INTERNATIONAL GUARANTEES FOR BOTH SIDES.

3. AL-AKHBAR REPORTS INFORMED U.S. SOURCES TOLD MENA THAT IT IS PROBABLE THAT A PROVISIONAL PALESTINIAN GOVERNMENT WILL BE FORMED TO OVERCOME ISRAELI OBJECTIONS TO PLO PARTICIPATION AT GENEVA. IT ADDS THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT EXPECTS SOME MOVEMENT ON THE PART OF THE PALESTINIANS TO ENABLE THE U.S. TO BEGIN AN OPEN DIALOGUE WITH THEM.

4. AL-AKHBAR AND AL-GOMHOURIYA REPORT DEPT. SPOKESMAN CARTER'S TUESDAY PRESS BRIEFING, ONE OF THE LATTER'S FRONTPAGE HEADLINES STATING, "VANCE WILL RETURN TO ALEXANDRIA." AL-GOMHOURIYA REPORTS THAT VANCE CONVEYED THE ISRAELI POSITION PRESENTED DURING THE CARTER-BEGIN TALKS, AND REPORTS AMERICAN SOURCES AS SAYING THAT PRESIDENT CARTER BELIEVES THE ISRAELIS MUST MOVE AS "POSITIVELY AND CONSTRUCTIVELY" AS THAT ARABS HAVE IF THE PEACE PROCESS IS TO BE SPEEDED UP AND THAT, FOR THIS REASON, THE U.S. WILL USE ITS INFLUENCE ON ISRAEL TO ACHIEVE THIS GOAL. AL-GOMHOURIYA ALSO RAN A MENA COMMENTARY THAT THE U.S. WILL PRESSURE ISRAEL.

5. AL-AHRAM EDITORIALIZED THAT WITHDRAWAL FROM OCCUPIED LANDS AND A PALESTINIAN HOMELAND ARE "GIVENS THAT CAN'T BE OVERLOOKED"

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AND THE BASIS FOR ANY PEACE TALKS. THE HOMELAND, IT ADDS, WILL INSURE THE EXISTENCE OF ISRAEL WITHIN SECURE BORDERS. IN AN EDITORIAL ENTITLED "WHAT IS BEHIND THE ISRAELI REJECTION", AL-GOMHOURIYA ACCUSES ISRAEL OF ATTEMPTING TO BLACKMAIL THE ARABS INTO FURTHER CONCESSIONS AND OBSERVES THAT THE ARABS CAN MAKE NO MORE CONCESSIONS BECAUSE THEY ARE ASKING ONLY THEIR RIGHTS, AND CANNOT BY NATURE GIVE UP RIGHTS OR PRINCIPLES. AL-AKHBAR EDITORIALIZES THAT SADAT'S FRANK ANSWERS TO JOURNALISTS' QUESTIONS, WITHOUT PREPARATION, LEAVE NO DOUBT THAT EGYPT'S POSITION IS THE SAME AFTER VANCE'S CURRENT TRIP AS IT WAS AFTER HIS FIRST TRIP.

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